

RESOLUTION NO. 14-313

WHEREAS, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised that Dr. Byron C. Hulsey joined Randolph School in 2006, serving as the eighth Head of School in Randolph's 54-year history. He is leaving Huntsville to pursue the once-in-a-career-and-lifetime opportunity to become Head of School of Woodberry Forest School in Virginia, his alma mater, effective July 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hulsey is a graduate of Woodberry Forest School and earned his B.A. degree from the University of Virginia in 1990, where he was named a Jefferson Scholar. He returned to his native Texas for graduate studies, earning M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Texas in Austin where he was a Patterson-Banister Fellow in American History. Dr. Hulsey is the author of Everett Dirksen and His Presidents: How a Senate Giant Shaped American Politics, published in 2000 by the University Press of Kansas; and,

WHEREAS, following his work as a teacher, coach and administrator at schools in England and Virginia, Dr. Hulsey accepted a position in 2000 as Associate Director of the Jefferson Scholars Foundation at The University of Virginia. In 2003 he became the Assistant Headmaster at Norfolk Academy, an independent day school established in 1728, which serves 1,200 students; and

WHEREAS, since coming to Randolph, Dr. Hulsey led the carefully planned growth of Randolph School to the expansion to two campuses with the opening of a \$27 million Upper School facility in 2009 to ensure students are provided extraordinary opportunities in academics, arts and athletics. During his tenure, the student body has grown by 20% and 80% of the current faculty and staff was hired during this period of significant enrollment growth. Under his leadership, Randolph has established an Office of Institutional Advancement, reorganized its divisional structure, added academic deans to support students in each division and undertaken significant strategic planning work designed to strengthen Randolph's position as a community of learners. He led a \$10 million capital campaign, the largest in the School's history, and as a result the School's endowment has grown from \$3 million to \$15 million. During Dr. Hulsey's tenure, the School's financial aid budget has increased from \$200,000 to over \$600,000, providing additional opportunities for the School to serve the strongest students from the most supportive families regardless of their ability to pay. He also currently serves as the vice-president of the Alabama Association of Independent Schools and serves on the Board of Trustees for the Southern Association of Independent Schools; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Hulsey's strong commitment to Randolph's mission resulted in the development of a new mission statement for the school, emphasizing the culture of honor, integrity and character that is highly valued by all people. In addition to his administrative

leadership, he continued to enjoy teaching, offering history electives to upperclassmen. He was involved in the development and teaching of a senior capstone project, providing unique opportunity for interdisciplinary study in the liberal arts. He continued nurturing the potential of educating the whole child by surrounding every student with extraordinary opportunities to explore possibilities, to uncover talents and let those talents shine. Each year began with the simple goal that the children at Randolph are known, challenged and loved; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Hulsey has enjoyed support of the Randolph Board of Trustees, the leadership team, the faculty and the parents who care deeply about the school. Ultimately, he carries with him a special place in his heart for Randolph's students. He departs with a direct knowledge of their curiosity, compassion, creativity and commitment to excellence in academics, the arts and athletics. Best of all, he knows they are boys and girls of character and growing resilience, and values his experience to have been their Head of School; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Hulsey and his wife, Jennifer, have two children: Ben and Claire. Leaving Huntsville is difficult for all members of the family because of their affection for Randolph School and the city that has been their home.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that we express our genuine appreciation to Dr. Byron C. Hulsey for his leadership, quiet persistence, encouragement, guidance and unreserved participation in making Randolph School the remarkable independent school in our area. We extend best wishes for good health and every success in all future endeavors.

ADOPTED this the 8th day of May, 2014.

President of the City Council of
the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 8th day of May, 2014.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama